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1. MFA ARMS CONTROL/DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS CHIEF, AMBASSADOR ILKKA PASTINEN, INFORMED EMBASSY THAT GOF CONSIDERS THAT IT HAS FULFILLED THE REQUIREMENTS OF CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, AND STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION (BWC).

2. CONCERNING ARTICLE II REQUIREMENT OF DESTRUCTION OR DIVERSION TO PEACEFUL PURPOSES BY DECEMBER 26, 1975, PASTINEN SAID THAT FINLAND DID NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE ANY STOCKS AT THE TIME OF THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE BWC (MARCH 26, 1975) AND THEREFORE HAD NOT HAD ANY NEED FOR DESTRUCTION OR DIVERSION. PASTINEN ADDED THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES FINLAND HAD NOT ISSUED ANY DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE AND THAT IT GOF'S UNDERSTANDING THAT ONLY COUNTRIES PARTY TO BWC WITH STOCKS HAD AND WOULD ISSUE DECLARATIONS.

3. REGARDING ARTICLE IV UNDERTAKING TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY MEASURES TO PROHIBIT AND PREVENT DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING, ACQUISITION OR RETENTION, PASTINEN SAID THAT RATIFICATION OF BWC BY FINNISH PARLIAMENT AUTOMATICALLY CONSTITUTED PASSAGE OF ENABLING LAW FOR FULLFILMENT OF BWC UNDERTAKINGS. PASTINEN ADDED THAT BEFORE PARLIAMENT RATIFIED BWC IT HAD REQUESTED REPORT FROM MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ON ANY OTHER LEGISLATION THAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED. MINISTRY OF JUSTICE HAD GIVEN OPINION THAT EXISTING FINNISH LAW ON POISONOUS SUBSTANCES AND PARTS OF CRIMINAL LAW WERE SUFFICIENT. MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
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IS STILL LOOKING INTO WHETHER THESE IN FACT DO COVER ALL EVENTUALITIES AND GOF WILL, IF NEEDED, PROPOSE ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION TO PARLIAMENT.
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